

**The Birthday Festival  
of Toc H**



**THE SERVICE  
at  
Westminster Chapel**

*December 7. 1957 at 4.30 p.m.*

*The Service will be conducted by*

The Rev. ARTHUR E. HOWARD,

*Minister of Lansdowne Parish Church, Glasgow*

*Honorary Padre of Toc H in Scotland*

*Assisted by* PHILIP GORTON

*Hoveton and Wroxham Branch*

*Organist :* Mr STANLEY CURTIS

*The singing will be led by the*

LONDON TOC H MALE VOICE CHOIR



Praise God from earth below  
Ye dragons and ye deeps,  
Fire, hail, clouds, wind and snow  
Whom in command he keeps.  
Praise ye his name, hills great and small  
Trees low and tall ; beasts wild and tame.

All things that creep or fly  
Ye kings, ye vulgar throng,  
All princes mean or high,  
Both men and virgins young,  
Ev'n young and old exalt his name  
For much his fame should be extoll'd.

O let God's name be prais'd  
Above all earth and sky,  
For he his saints hath rais'd  
And set their horn on high,  
Ev'n those that be of Israel's race  
Near to his grace. The Lord praise ye.  
*Amen.*

*Let us pray.*

O GOD we praise Thee, we bless Thee, we glorify Thee,  
we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory. Glory be  
to Thee, O Lord most high.

PRAISE be to Thee, our Father, in the heavenly places  
for the succour of Thy wise, holy Love.

PRAISE be to Thee, O Lord Christ, that Thou hast shown  
us what Thy Father is like and what we through Thee  
may become.



## LESSON

*The Gospel according to S. John,  
Chapter xv, verses 9 to 17*

ETERNAL and ever-blessed God, who in Jesus Christ hast shown Thy seeking and saving Love and hast lifted us above fear and worry and loneliness into the joyful friendship of Thy Home, enable us that we, being reconciled to Thee and to one another, may bring confidence and peace and comradeship to others through the love wherewith Thou hast loved us.      *Amen.*

*Tune : Wareham*

Dear Master, in whose life I see  
All that I would but fail to be,  
Let thy clear light forever shine  
To shame and guide this life of mine.

Though what I dream and what I do  
In my weak days are ever two,  
Help me, oppressed by things undone  
O Thou, whose deeds and dreams were one.  
*Amen.*

## LESSON

*The Gospel according to S. Matthew,  
Chapter vi, verses 24 to 33*

O God, Who through countless ages hast prepared this world as a home for Thy children, and Who dost provide all that we can need out of the treasury of Thy wise and holy Love, teach us in all things to trust Thee. May we seek naught for ourselves but, in fulness or in want, may we be thankful if only we serve Thee in Thy Kingdom.      *Amen.*





*Tune : Irish*

Thy Kingdom come ! On bended knee  
The passing ages pray ;  
And faithful souls have yearned to see  
On earth that kingdom's day.

*Choir* But the slow watches of the night  
*only* Not less to God belong ;  
And for the everlasting right  
The silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills  
The flags of dawn appear ;  
Gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,  
Proclaim the day is near ;

The day in whose clear-shining light  
All wrong shall stand revealed ;  
When justice shall be throned in might,  
And every hurt be healed ;

When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,  
Shall walk the earth abroad ;  
The day of perfect righteousness,  
The promised day of God. *Amen.*

## THE SERMON

*Let us give thanks to God.*

O God, our Father, we thank Thee for our life : for  
faith that holds us, for love that inspires us and for hope  
that directs our steps.





Look Thou, O God, in compassion upon this land and people and upon all our Commonwealth of Nations. Work Thy Will among us. Smite us, if need be, but save us to serve Thee among the nations of the world. GOD bless our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth and all her house. May all our homes become like hers in faith and affection and the will to serve.

GOD bless all who work for us and all for whom we work : in Her Majesty's Forces, in industry, in trade and in the professions. May the spirit of conciliation grow in all our affairs and unite us in the bond of peace.

We offer these prayers as we offer ourselves to be the way of their fulfilment in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Let us stand for our Family Prayer.*

O GOD, Who hast so wonderfully made Toc H, and set men in it to see their duty as Thy Will, teach us to live together in love and joy and peace ; to check all bitterness ; to disown discouragement ; to practise thanksgiving, and to leap with joy to any task for others. Strengthen the good thing thus begun, that with gallant and high-hearted happiness we may work for Thy Kingdom in the wills of men. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR FATHER, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The Offering will now be made. It will be given, after expenses are met, to the Family Purse of Toc H.*



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